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Red River Army Depot wins DoD maintenance award

The Department of Defense recently announced that Red River Army Depot, Texas, is the recipient of the 2006 Secretary of Defense Robert T. Mason Depot Maintenance Excellence Award, DoD's highest award for depot-level maintenance.

The award recognizes RRAD's High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle Recapitalization Program. The program, through the depot workforce's responsiveness, exceptional work ethic, and dedication to the mission, streamlined the HMMWV overhaul/remanufacturing processes to support warfighters in the Global War on Terrorism.

Established in 2004, the depot and field level awards commemorate Robert T. Mason, a former assistant deputy secretary of defense of maintenance policy, programs, and resources. The awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding achievements in military equipment and weapon systems maintenance.

Fifteen ARDEC employees win Army's top research award

Fifteen Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., scientists and engineers won the Army's top award for research and development, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology Thomas H. Killion announced recently.

The award is presented each year to a select group of scientists and engineers whose outstanding achievements have significantly advanced capabilities and contributed to national defense.

The winners are: Stephen J. Krupski, Dr. Ronald G. Gast, Michael J. Glennon, Edward J. Hyland for their development of the Lightweight 120 mm XM360 Gun; Gary Chen, Robert Ritchie, Mark Motyka and Eric Lataladi, for development of the Reduced Optical Signature Emissions Aircraft Countermeasure Flare; Charles H. Robinson, Robert H. Wood, Mark R. Gelak, Thinh Q. Hoang and Gabriel L. Smith, for their work on mechanical safety and arming devices; Steven E. Stephey for his stewardship on the proximity fuse for 40 mm lethal and non-lethal applications; and Arthur S. Daniels for his leadership role in the development of the extremely lethal Unitary Shaped Charge Warhead.

RDECOM tests remote warfare for future systems

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command recently concluded a six-week experiment to measure how various unmanned vehicle science and technology efforts enhance Soldier capabilities for Future Combat Systems at Fort Knox, Ky.

The experiments, dubbed RUX06, focused on Soldier workload and performance exercises, including how well Soldiers can operate on the battlefield while remotely controlling an unmanned vehicle platform and the ability of Soldiers to plan missions while reacting to a changing combat zone. Data collected during RUX06 allows the Army to quantify the effects of advanced crew station and unmanned robotic systems technologies on Soldier performance.

Did you know…National Security Personnel System

Upon conversion to NSPS, eligible employees will receive a one-time prorated buy-in for their within grade increase. The amount is based on the number of days completed toward their next within grade increase. Eligible employees are those who are at steps one through nine and have received a successful performance rating. For more information on NSPS, visit http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/index.html

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